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SUBJECT: NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS: BRIEFING BRITISH, GERMANS,

AND FRENCH

1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ BRIEFED SEPARATELY FRG AMBASSADOR PAGENSTERT AND UK HIGH COMMISSIONER GORDON SEPT. 7 ON HIS CONVERSATIONS IN NICOSIA WITH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND WITH UN REPRESENTATIVES (SEPTELS). EUR/SE DIRECTOR EWING ALSO BRIEFED FRENCH CHARGE' BERNADAC. BRIEFING EMPHASIZED CONSULTATIVE NATURE OF VISIT AND OUR GENERAL SENSE THAT MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE PREVAILED ON BOTH SIDES THAN WE HAD EXPECTED. BOTH DESIRED MOVEMENT FORWARD. WE NOTED THAT GOC WAS CLEARLY LOOKING FOR MECHANISM TO RESUME TALKS, WHETHER THROUGH AN ECEVIT-KYPRIOANOU MEETING, AN AGREEMENT ON FAMAGUSTA, OR THIRD PARTY MEDIATION UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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WALDHEIM, AND THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS RECOGNIZED TURKISH CYPRIOT SECURITY CONCERNS AND DESIRABILITY OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO NORTH. WE HIGHLIGHTED DENKTASH'S READINESS TO RESUME TALKS, HIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TURKISH CYPRIOT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND OPENNESS TO SUGGESTIONS RE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HIS INSISTENCE ON BIZONALITY AS THE ONLY FIRM GUARANTEE OF SECURITY. DENKTASH HAD NOT

BEEN AS NEGATIVE AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS OVER ROLE OF UNSYG. NIMETZ AND EWING NOTED ALSO THAT SRSG GALINDO-POHL WAS AT PRESENT NOT VERY ACTIVE BUT EXPECTED TO BE MORE SO FOLLOWING UNGA. BRIEFINGS TOUCHED ONLY IN PASSING ON FORTHCOMING FOUR-POWER MEETING IN LONDON.

2. FYI -- DURING POST DINNER DISCUSSION SEPT. 4, CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER ROLANDIS AND DIRECTOR GENERAL PELAGHIAS TOLD DEPT. COUNSELOR NIMETZ THAT IN JULY TRIP TO BONN THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSIONS OF GENERAL CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND VERY DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH BENSCH. ACCORDING TO ROLANDIS, THE GERMANS, APPARENTLY BASED IN PART ON THEIR TALKS WITH THE TURKS BELIEVE A CYPRUS TERRITORIAL SOLUTION LEAVING APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT IN THE TURKISH ZONE SHOULD BE POSSIBLE. NIMETZ INDICATED THAT THIS SEEMED OVERLY OPTIMISTIC AND THAT A FIGURE BELOW 27 PER-CENT DID NOT APPEAR VERY LIKELY. ROLANDIS AND PELAGHIAS ALSO MENTIONED DISCUSSION WITH GERMANS OF A "FAMAGUSTA-NICOSIA-MORPHOU LINE" IN WHICH ERCAN AIRPORT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE IN THE TURKISH ZONE. (NOT CLEAR IN WHICH ZONE VILLAGE OF MORPHOU WOULD FALL). THEY ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF A GREEK ENCLAVE IN THE KARPASS CONNECTED TO THE GREEK ZONE BY AN ACCESS ROAD. COMMENT: IN THESE CONVERSATIONS THE TWO CYPRIOT OFFICIALS CLEARLY ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF BIZONALITY AND AND THE NEED FOR TRADE OFFS BETWEEN TERRITORY, SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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